

British War Lord Lost With Torpedoed Cruiser

Kitchener of Khartum Drowned While on Way to Conference in Russia—News Proves Shock To English People—Creator of New Army of Empire.

London, June 6.—The news that Lord Kitchener, secretary of state for war, and his staff, who were proceeding to Russia aboard the cruiser Hampshire, were lost off the Orkney Islands last night, was the most stunning blow Great Britain has received since the war began. This is the second shock the country has sustained within a week. The other was when the newspapers appeared Friday evening with the first intelligence of the naval battle in the North sea in the form of a list of the ships lost, with virtually no intimation that there was any compensation in the way of enemy losses. The bulletin telling of the death of Kitchener gave the country an even greater shock.

Kitchener was the one outstanding personality whom the people talked of and believed in a great man, notwithstanding newspaper attacks which at a former period of the war threatened to undermine his popularity and the public confidence in him.

Rumors Spread Fast.

A telegram from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the fleet, giving the bare facts, was received at the admiralty about 11 o'clock in the morning. The first official announcement was issued at about 1:30 in the afternoon. Before noon, however, rumors were spreading.

Admiral Jellicoe's report to the admiralty was as follows: "I have to report with deep regret that his majesty's ship Hampshire, Capt. Herbert J. Savill, R. N., with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night at about 8 p. m. to the west of the Orkney, either by a mine or a torpedo."

"Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was north-northwest, and heavy seas were running. Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot and a party was sent along the coast to search, but only some bodies and a capsized boat have been found up to the present. As the whole shore has been searched from the seaward, I greatly fear that there is little hope of there being any survivors."

"No report has yet been received from the searching party on shore."

"H. M. S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia."

Beat the Newspapers.

When the official announcement finally was issued the fact spread about London some time before the newspapers could get into the streets. There was a crowd about the stock exchange which it required police reserves to deal with. The police told every one to move on; that there was no truth in the report.

At the same time another mass of people was assembling about the government offices in Whitehall. The closed windows of the war office confirmed the rumor beyond doubt. Other crowds gathered around the newspaper offices and fought for the papers. In the course of the afternoon the flags on all buildings were flown at half mast.

The English undoubtedly are a stoical people, but no one could have walked the London streets today without perceiving that something which common people took as a calamity had befallen them.

The foreign office was saddened by the loss of one of its most valued members, Hugh James O'Brien; while Sir Frederick Donaldson and Brig. Gen. Ellershaw of the ministry of munitions were known to be men whom the nation could little afford to lose.

The fact that the cruiser Hampshire, with between 200 and 300 men had sunk, was generally accepted simply as an unfortunate detail of these days.

Talk of Successor.

The king came from Windsor and sent for Premier Asquith when he heard the news. The war council held a long session. Naturally, speculation regarding Kitchener's successor began immediately. Among those discussed were David Lloyd-George, Lord Derby and the chief of the imperial staff, Sir William Robertson.

Earl Kitchener met death at a moment which will insure his position in British history. He was almost the only member of the government who from the beginning confidently asserted that this would be a long war—his low estimate was three years—and he insisted that the government should make plans accordingly. The

organization which he began of the enormous new British army is well under way.

There is no evidence to show whether the Hampshire was torpedoed by a submarine or struck a mine.

The official news was a greater surprise than it would otherwise have been, because no one knew that Earl Kitchener had left England. A memorial service will be held in St. Paul's.

Stepped Into Breach.

Earl Kitchener was appointed secretary of state for war on August 8, 1914, a few days after Great Britain's declaration of war on Germany. He was regarded as England's greatest soldier, and the decision of the government to entrust him with supreme direction of the war was received with unanimous approval.

As the war progressed and Great Britain's deficiencies in certain directions, particularly in regard to the shortage of artillery ammunition, became apparent, Earl Kitchener was subjected to severe criticism, led by Lord Northcliffe. The secretary was charged with responsibility for failure to foresee the extraordinary demand for heavy shells and as a result the ministry of munitions was formed with David Lloyd-George as its head.

Earl Kitchener's responsibilities were further lessened by the appointment of Gen. Sir William Robertson as chief of the imperial staff in December of last year. It was reported at that time that friction had arisen between Earl Kitchener and Field Marshal French, then in command of the British forces in France. Shortly after the appointment of Gen. Robertson, Field Marshal French relinquished his command.

Notwithstanding the criticism directed against Earl Kitchener his great accomplishments during the war are recognized universally. Foremost of his achievements is the creation from England's untrained manhood of a huge army.

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The State.

David Wistar Daniel, head of the English department in Clemson college, was elected president of Columbia college yesterday afternoon, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. W. W. Daniel several days ago, because of failing health. Dr. Daniel was informed last night by The State's correspondent in Anderson of his election, but refused to commit himself as to decision until notified officially by the board of trustees. He has been at Clemson since 1908, and is now at the head of the English department. Other prominent educators were considered at the meeting yesterday, but the election of Dr. Daniel was unanimous.

The new college head had recently had other attractive offers. He was considered seriously for the head of a large institution in another State, which he refused that he might devote his talent to educational work in South Carolina. He has also received urgent inducements to give his time to chautauqua work. He is an eloquent public speaker and has done considerable platform work. Dr. Daniel delivered the literary address of the graduation exercises of Columbia college last Monday.

Dr. Daniel is 48 years of age and was born in Laurens county, after attending the public school, he entered Wofford college, graduating four years later, in 1892, with an A. B. degree. He taught school for several years, being located in Marlboro county and later going to Batesburg. From Batesburg he moved to Central, and on leaving the Central school he became a student of Vanderbilt university, graduating with the master of arts degree in 1901. In the summer of 1899 he studied at the University of Chicago.

In 1898 Dr. Daniel went to the English department at Clemson college and three years ago was made head of this department, succeeding Prof. C. M. Furman. He is devoted to Clemson college and is pleasantly associated there. He stated tonight that he loves the Clemson boys and that his work at the college has been most pleasant during the entire 18 years. In June, 1915, Wofford college conferred the degree of doctor of literature upon him.

It was Dr. Daniel's intention to pass through Columbia tonight en route to Florence where he was scheduled to address the South and North Carolina U. C. T. convention tomorrow, but the sudden death of his brother, W. A. L. Daniel, in Blooming Grove, Texas, caused a change in his plan. He expects to pass through Columbia June 8 en route to Aiken to make an address at the community day celebration. After that date he goes with the Radcliffe chautauqua for the summer. He will travel over North and South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee and will deliver lectures on "The Fighting Man," and "The Forces That Build a Communi-

ty." He was on this chautauqua circuit last summer.

Dr. Daniel married Miss Eva Jones of Batesburg and they have one daughter, eight years old. Dr. W. W. Daniel, the retiring president of Columbia college, is his uncle.

Dr. Daniel asked that he be quoted as saying that he was in no sense an applicant or candidate for the position of president to which he has been elected.

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